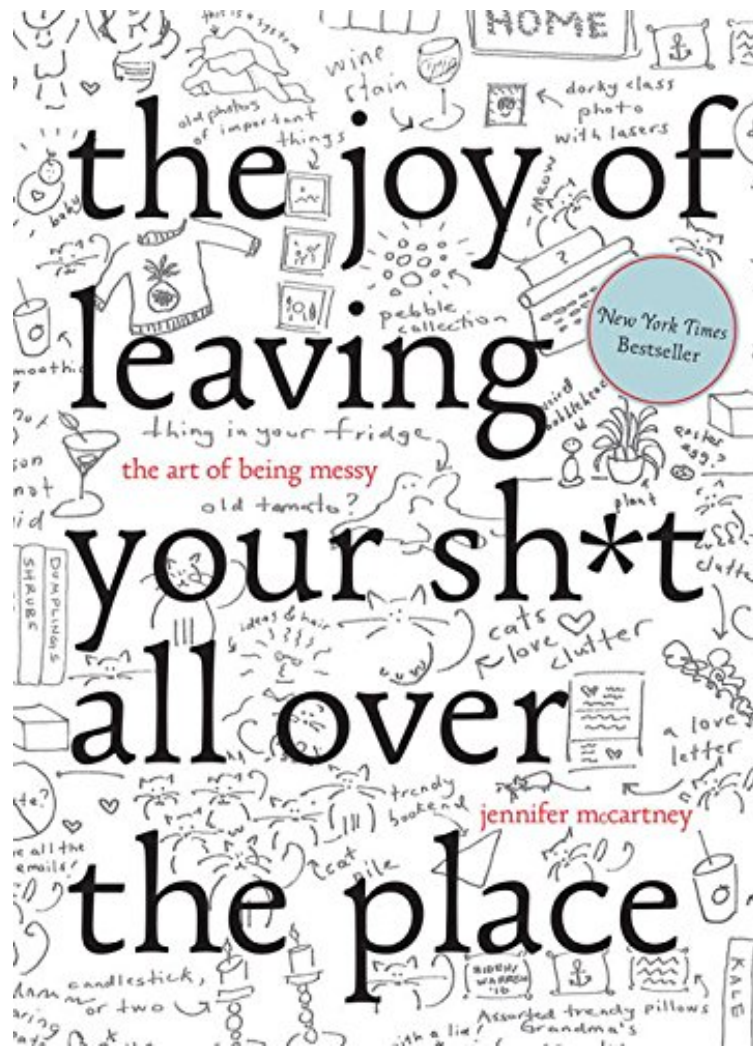


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51 of 51 people found the following review helpful. It's a parody, folks By Dee Blakley This book was a hoot. I have to smile at some of the negative reviews of it, as those reviewers must not have read the intro where the author said, "It's a parody." And her potty mouth didn't give me those pearl clutching moments they seem to have given a few sensitive readers. After all, look at the title of the book. That should give you your first clue. The underlying message is that no, you do not have to give away Grandma's framed crewel work instead of hanging it so you can have the proper

percentage of "negative space" on your walls. It's okay to hold on to that super soft and comfy t-shirt you've had for five years. A coffee table can hold your favorite book or books (and it's okay to own ACTUAL books in real bookshelves, and stacked when you run out of room), your coffee, the TV guide and anything else you want to have there. Souvenir mugs from places you visited are not the spawn of the devil, and you can paint your walls any color you damned well please. Your children can grow up to be well-adjusted people even if they don't have their very own cubby by the door. Display your kids' or grandkids' artwork on the fridge proudly. You do not have to clean out your six by six inch purse every night. The author is trying to make the point that the movement toward white-on-white-on-white walls, naked of anything but some lonely piece of abstract something or other you have been told is art, and a clothes closet with six hangers and two pairs of shoes in it has come about not because there are tens of thousands of people clamoring to know how and whether it's okay to ditch their stuff (the landfills answer those questions), but because there is an industry that needs your money to fund its books, how-to shows, "scientific" studies and "experts" who, for a hefty fee, will come tell you how to design the very most intimate and personal spaces of all - your home. I loved it. 25 of 27 people found the following review helpful. PERFECT summer read By Not Now Voyager I loved this book. It was recommended to me by a friend who really enjoyed it. McCartney has a way of writing that feels like you are listening to your most hilarious friend rant and tell you stories and you wish she would just keep cracking you up all night. The way she writes just feels effortless and natural. I don't have a problem with the language -- I mean, look at the title. Anyone who is pearl-clutching over "bad words" needs to reassess. I also felt completely validated because try as I might, I cannot keep anything organized. This book tells the reader why that is not only okay, but preferable. It's not some self-help nonsense. It IS a very funny book that manages to sneak some keen insights in while providing an escape from a world that makes less and less sense. This is the perfect book for summer. Every single person I've recommended it to has loved it, too. I say read it and join the FREE Movement! 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Funny book By Lorrie29 Great, fun, simple read. I bought its anti-thesis - by Marie Kondo, The Art of Tidying Up (something like that title...). I am somewhere in the middle of those two mindsets! I am now lending it to my messy friends and they love it!

The New York Times bestseller that's LAUGH OUT LOUD FUNNY (Elle Decor) and SPOT-ON with a healthy amount of cursing" (POPSUGAR) The anti-clutter movement is having a moment. You may have heard about a book an entire book written on the topic of tidiness and how magical and life-changing it is to neaten up and THROW AWAY YOUR BELONGINGS. Yes, you read that correctly. Its time to fight that ridiculousness and start buying even more stuff and leaving it any place you want. Guess what, neatniks? Science shows that messy people are more creative. *Being a slob is an art, and there's a fine line between being a consumer and being a hoarder. Don't cross that line. This book shows you how to clutter mindfully and with great joy. The results are mind-blowing. Your plants will stop dying. Your whiskey bottle will never run dry. Your drugstore points will finally add up to a free jar of salsa and some nice shampoo. You'll go shopping and discover you've lost weight... It's time to take back your life from the anti-clutter movement. *As well as smarter and more attractive. 50 illustrations

"Every chapter - from why you shouldn't feel guilty about having a ton of stuff, to how to deal with all the stuff, anyway - is laugh-out-loud funny." --Elle Decor